

an impact on the agricultural industry in Stanislaus County as one of the best in California. This year the Center has selected Duarte Nursery for its innovative practices in viticulture.

Family owned and operated since 1989, Duarte Nursery has played a valuable role in providing innovative products to the agricultural industry, and takes pride in providing the farming industry with the cleanest, highest quality nursery products available, as well as conducting experimental trials that focus on today's industries concerns.

With over 300 employees, Duarte Nursery is the largest permanent crops nursery in the United States. Its facility has provided for innovative technologies for rapid vine establishment and fruit production, and the evaluation of scion clones and rootstocks for broad ranges of growing conditions.

Located in Hughson in California's Central Valley, I am proud to recognize the Duarte family for their hard work, efforts and achievements in providing invaluable change within the agricultural community, and its impact to the Central Valley economy.

Madam Speaker, please join me in commending Duarte Nursery for its honorary selection into the 13th Annual National Ag Science Center's "Ag Hall of Fame."

#### IN RECOGNITION OF BRAD DUGGAN

#### HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2010*

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Brad Duggan, a basketball coaching legend in my district.

While Southern California basketball may lay claim to the coaching exploits of the late John Wooden, the North has Brad Duggan who, as a student-athlete at City College of San Francisco, led the men's basketball team to its first and only state championship in 1962. Later, as the college's coach, he won 10 consecutive Golden Gate Conference championships between 1976 and 1985. His teams recorded an overall 327–90 record, earning him one of the highest winning percentages of a junior college coach in our Nation.

After retiring as the team's coach, he chaired the school's physical education department for more than 20 years, where he continued to turn athletes into scholars.

His player management philosophy, in his own words, was based on this: "There isn't a 17-year-old in the world who can drive me crazier than I can drive him." He not only drove his players to excellence on the hardwood, but also in the classroom. Ninety-five percent of his players went on to attend four-year institutions.

Madam Speaker, it is only right that for the first time in its history, the City College of San Francisco will name a sports facility after an individual. On November 13, 2010 its main court becomes the Brad Duggan Basketball Court. I ask that members join me in applauding Coach Brad Duggan.

HONORING GEOFFREY TENNANT FOR HIS OUTSTANDING WORK FOR THE COLUMBUS FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE POLK COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

#### HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2010*

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Geoffrey Tennant for his valiant service to both the Columbus Fire Department and the Polk County Board of Education. His dedication to helping those around him and his positive attitude towards providing life-saving services deserves the utmost commendation.

Mr. Tennant has worked for 35 years for the Columbus Fire Department in Polk County, and has served the last 28 years as the Chief Firefighter. Mr. Tennant became the first firefighter in Columbus Fire Department history to be paid and has spent vast amounts of time volunteering for the Polk County Rescue Squad and First Responders. Mr. Tennant has worked tirelessly to serve and protect the citizens of Polk County. This type of assistance is rare in today's world, yet Mr. Tennant administers help in any way he can to the people of Columbus and Polk County.

Mr. Tennant also serves as the President of the Polk County Board of Education. Few things are more important than the education of our children. We owe every child in this country a high-quality education that will allow them to successfully compete in the workforce. Mr. Tennant works extremely hard to ensure that these goals are met. I commend his time spent working with and on behalf of the children of Polk County.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me today in recognizing Mr. Geoffrey Tennant for the leadership he has displayed at the Columbus Fire Department and his commitment to excellence while serving as the President of the Polk County Board of Education.

#### CONGRATULATING THE SAINT JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' SOCCER TEAM

#### HON. JOE DONNELLY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2010*

Mr. DONNELLY of Indiana. Madam Speaker, today I rise to congratulate the Saint Joseph High School Indians girls' soccer team in South Bend, Indiana. The Indians succeeded in clinching the Indiana High School Athletic Association state championship on October 30, 2010 at Kuntz Stadium in Indianapolis, with a thrilling 1–0 victory over Columbus North High School. The Indians worked tirelessly this season, accomplishing a 22–1–1 record. After their only loss in the opening game of the season, the team went on to twenty-one straight victories, including sixteen shutouts. The championship victory was the result of a 25-yard strike that went left to the upper right corner of the net by senior Sarah Hall, the team's scoring leader. Goalkeeper Melissa Kuhar was credited with six saves as part of a strong defensive effort.

The St. Joseph team consisted of twenty-four young ladies, including: Ellen Bachmannhuff, Ali Connelly, Maggie Doslak, Ryan Durham, Gracie Gallagher, Kelsey Gill, Jessica Hall, Sarah Hall, Cati Kral, Maddie Kearney, Melissa Kuhar, Lindsey Kuitse, Karoline Langheinrich, Angela Loebach, Grace Maginn, Makayla Manta, Catherine Raster, Mary Robertson, Emily Rompolo, Rachel Staud, Abby Toth, Madison Turner, Kate Vasile, and Merideth Warinner.

I also rise to acknowledge the dedicated coaching staff of Head Coach Johan Kuitse and Assistant Coaches Phil Depauw, Jessica Smudey and Brandon Gill, who helped guide the Indians to the championship title. The coaches developed a team with depth, talent and a phenomenal defense.

I offer my congratulations to the members of the girls' soccer team of Saint Joseph High School, the coaching staff, the school administration and community for their hard work and excellence during a season that ended with an Indiana State Championship title.

#### IN SUPPORT OF BAHAI RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

#### HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2010*

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to draw attention to the continued religious persecution by the Government of Iran towards the Baha'i community. As many of my House colleagues know, in the spring of 2008, Iranian authorities arrested and imprisoned Mrs. Fariba Kamalabadi, Mr. Jamaloddin Khanjani, Mr. Afif Naeimi, Mr. Saeid Rezaie, Mr. Behrouz Tavakkoli, Mrs. Mahvash Sabet, and Mr. Vahid Tizfahm, members of the Baha'i community's coordinating body in Iran.

These two women and five men were imprisoned for twenty months without charge. In August of 2010, after several months of closed-door hearings, they were sentenced to 20 years in prison. That sentence was reduced to 10 years in September.

Madam Speaker, these seven leaders were targeted solely because of their religion. This form of discrimination is absolutely unacceptable. As Iran is party to the International Covenants on Human Rights, I call on the Government of Iran to fulfill their commitment to the international community and immediately release these seven individuals and all other prisoners held solely on account of their religion.

#### COMMENDING BOB SMITH UPON RECEIVING GOOD SCOUT AWARD

#### HON. WILLIAM L. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2010*

Mr. OWENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join the Boy Scouts Adirondack District in honoring Bob Smith of Plattsburgh, New York with the Good Scout Award. Each year, the Adirondack District presents this award to a distinguished citizen who has shown exemplary dedication to his community. Bob Smith